

# U.S. Department of the Interior & The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## *Roles Relating to Funds From The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill*



### U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: NFWF Consultant

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)**

Fund Name: Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

Source of Funds: BP & Transocean

Criminal Penalties

Amount: \$2.544 billion

Focus: Remedy harm to natural resources injured by the oil spill



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### U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: NAWCA Administrator

**North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)**

Fund Name: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

Source of Funds: BP Criminal Penalties

Amount: \$100 million

Focus: Migratory birds and other wildlife affected by the oil spill



photo: Peter Pearsall, USFWS

### U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: NAS Advisor

**National Academy of Sciences (NAS)**

Fund Name: Gulf of Mexico Program  
Source of Funds: BP & Transocean

Criminal Penalties

Amount: \$500 million

Focus: Human health, environmental protection and offshore drilling

### U.S. Department of the Interior: NRDAR Trustee

**Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR)**

Source of Funds: BP Settlement under Oil Pollution Act

Amount: \$8.8 billion

Focus: Restoration of injured resources

### U.S. Department of the Interior: RESTORE Council Member

**Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Council**

Fund Name: Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund

Source of Funds: Clean Water Act Civil Penalties (80%)

Amount: \$4.4 billion

Focus: Restoration of sustainable Gulf environment and economy



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### Natural Fish and Wildlife Foundation

DOI is a member of the *Deepwater Horizon* NRDAR Trustee Council, which has approved 65 early restoration projects that have a combined cost of \$868 million. DOI bureaus, such as USFWS, are implementing 11 of these projects. Since the global settlement, the Trustees' work is being conducted by eight Trustee Implementation Groups (TIG), one for each of the five Gulf States and one for each of the following: open ocean resources, region-wide resources, and monitoring and adaptive management. DOI is a member of each TIG. Thus far, the Louisiana TIG has approved its first restoration plan and the Mississippi and Alabama TIGs have completed a draft restoration plan each.



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### Restore Council

DOI is a member of the RESTORE Council. The RESTORE Council is currently implementing \$156 million in restoration projects and programs, and DOI bureaus are leading or are partners in five of these projects (with a total cost of \$28.7 million). USFWS is spearheading a \$1.9 million project that will develop conservation planning tools that can be used to identify and evaluate land conservation strategies, opportunities and projects in the Gulf Coast region.

### National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

NFWF consults with the USFWS on Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund restoration projects proposed by the five Gulf Coast states before awarding grants. To date, NFWF has invested \$870 million in 99 Gulf restoration projects, a number of which are being implemented on -- or near -- lands managed by USFWS (i.e., national wildlife refuges). USFWS is providing technical review, leveraging and field assistance to projects on federal and nonfederal lands.

### North American Wetland Conservation Act

The USFWS Director serves on the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, which reviews proposals and recommends projects for funding by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The USFWS Migratory Bird Program administers the grants. Through 2016, 56 projects totaling close to \$52.5 million have been funded with *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill funds. The USFWS is the lead on seven projects totaling more than \$8 million.

### National Academy of Sciences

USFWS experts are advising the National Academy of Sciences Gulf of Mexico Program on matters including research priorities and the coordination of funding opportunities, as well as participating in the peer-review process for grant proposals. By January 1, 2016, the program had disbursed almost \$13 million of *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill funds for activities focused on education and capacity building; monitoring and synthesis; and research and development.

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